# ACTS AND LAWS,

## Made and paſſed by the General Aſſembly of the State of Connecticut, in America holden at New-Haven, on the ſecond Thurſday of October, Anno Dom. 1786.

An Act in Alteration of a Law of this State, entitled, "An Act veſting the United States in Congreſs aſſembled, with Power to regulate the Commerce of the United States."

WHEREAS the Powers and Authorities given and granted, are by ſaid Act to continue in Force for the Term of Fifteen Years, from the Time of paſſing ſaid Act; which is diſſimilar in Point of Duration, to the Authority granted by other States, for the Purpoſe of regulating Trade. To remedy which Inconvenience. Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame,* That the Powers and Authorities given and granted to the United States, in Congreſs aſſembled, by the aforeſaid Act, ſhall continue and be in Force for the Term of Fifteen Years, from and after the Time Congreſs ſhall begin to exerciſe the ſame; any Thing in ſaid Act notwithſtanding. Powers, &c. granted Congreſs, to continue 15 years from, &c.

An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, "An Act for the levying a Duty "on certain Articles of Goods, Wares and Merchandize imported into "this State, by Land or Water."

Masters of vessels under 35 tons, to report to, &c. within 24 hours after arrival in &c.

Paragraph of an act referred to.

BE *it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same,* That the Master of every Vessel or Boat under the Burthen of Thirty-five Tons, coming into any Port, Harbour, River or Creek into this State, from any Place out of this State, shall, within Twenty-fours Hours after arriving in such Port, Harbour, River or Creek, and before breaking Bulk, make true Reports or Entries, at the Office of the Naval-Officer, or his Deputy, in the respective Towns in which such Vessel or Boat arrives; and such Masters shall obey all such Customs, Rules, Laws and Regulations as have, or shall be made relative thereto, as is prescribed in the last Paragraph of an Act, entitled, "An Act for the Regulation of Navigation," and on the Neglect, or Refusal of such Master, to comply with this Regulation, such Vessel or Boat upon Seizure, and Information made to the Court, proper to try the same, shall be liable to Condemnation, in the same Way and Manner, and according to the Directions of said Paragraph, for the Breaches thereof.

An Act in Addition to a Law of this State, entitled, "An Act against Gaming."

Penalty of 20s. for playing at billiards, and the like penalty on the head of a family, if privy thereto.

BE *it enacted by the Governor, Council and Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same,* That if any Person or Persons in this State, of what Rank, or Quality soever, shall play at Billiards, every such Person shall pay as a Fine, the sum of Twenty Shillings, for every such Offence. And the Head of every Family where any such Game is used with his, or her Privity, or Consent, shall pay in like Manner, the Sum of Twenty Shillings, for each Time any such Game is used in his, or her House, whether such Game shall be used at a public or private House; any Law, Usage or Custom to the contrary notwithstanding.

Penalty of 40s. for keeping a billiard table.

*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid,* That any Person or Persons who shall have, or keep in his, her, or their Custody or Possession at any Time after the Twentieth Day of November next, any Billiard Table, shall forfeit and pay to the Treasurer of the Town in which the same shall be kept, the Sum of Forty Shillings Lawful Money; and the like sum for every Time, as often as any such Billiard-Table shall be found in the Custody or Possession of any Person or Persons whatsoever, after the Time aforesaid; which Fines shall be recovered, and disposed of in the same Manner as is provided for the Recovery and Disposition of other Fines, by the Act aforesaid.

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An Act in further Addition to the Law of this State, entitled, " An " Act for collecting and paying Rates or Taxes.

BE it *enacted by the Governor, Council and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame*, That all Executions that are or ſhall be iſſued by the Treaſurer of this State, for Arrearages of Taxes againſt the Goods and Chattles of the Inhabitants of any Town, which hath been, or ſhall be divided, or altered, or hath had, or may have any Part thereof annexed to other Towns, after the Date of the Liſts, on which ſuch Taxes are granted, ſhall be levied on the Goods and Chattles of the Inhabitants, within the ancient Limits of ſuch Towns, ſo divided or altered, in the ſame Manner, and for the ſame Purpoſes as by Law might have been done, in Caſe no new Townſhip, Diviſion or Alteration had been made within ſuch Limits.

Treaſurer's executions iſſued againſt towns that are or may be divided, to be ſettled in the ſame way as if ſaid diviſion had not taken place.

And the Civil Authority and Select-Men of the Towns within ſuch ancient Limits, ſhall jointly make the Abatements, allowed by Law, on Taxes granted on the Liſts, given in before the Diviſion or Alteration of ſuch Towns, and may do all Things proper to be done by them, or any of them for the Settlement of the Buſineſs of their ancient Towns, in the ſame Manner as might have been done, in Caſe no ſuch Diviſion or Alteration had ever been made.

Authority and ſelect-men of, &c. to make abatements, &c.

An Act in further Addition to a Law of this State, entitled, " An Act for " the Direction of Liſters in their Office and Duty."

WHEREAS the Term of ſix Months allowed by Law, for Application to be made, for the Purpoſe of obtaining Abatements in the Liſts of Perſons over-charged (in divers Caſes) is found to be inconvenient, by Reaſon the Sum Total, of the Grand Levy cannot be known, at the Seſſion of the General Aſſembly in May annually.

Preamble.

*Be it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame*, That for the future, no Abatements ſhall be made to any Perſon whatſoever (in any ſuch Caſes) after the twentieth Day of April, in each Year. And that all Abatements, which ſhall be made, ſhall be lodged in the Town-Clerk's Office, by the firſt Day of May following. And the Sum Total thereof, ſhall, by the Liſters, in each Town, be returned, (with the Additions, and Four-folds) to the General Aſſembly, in May, annually; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

No abatements to be made after the 20th of April. Abatements to be lodged in the Town-Clerk's Office &c.

*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That for the future, every Mule of three Years old, or upwards, ſhall be ſet in the Liſt at Three Pounds, and every Mule of two Years old, at Two Pounds, and every Mule of one Year old, at One Pound.

Mules to be ſet in the liſt.

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An Act in Addition to the Law of this State, entitled, " An Act for lay-
" ing and collecting Duties on the Importation of Rum."

N. Officers to take ſufficient ſurety or ſureties for payment of duties on rum, &c.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That in all Caſes, where the Naval-Officers are by Law allowed to take Bond for ſecuring the Payment of any Duty, or Duties, on the Importation of Rum, or any other Articles into this State, they, and every of them, ſhall require and take good and ſufficient Surety, or Sureties in ſuch Bonds; any Law, Uſage or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

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An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, " An Act for forming, regulat-
" ing, and conducting the Military Force of this State."

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the Military Companies in the Town of Stratford, together with the Military Companies now under the Command of Joſeph Sherwood, and David Sherman, Part whereof belonging to the Town of Stratford, and Part to the Town of Fairfield, ſhall be, and remain one entire Regiment, diſtinguiſhed and called by the Name of the Twenty-eight Regiment; and ſhall be under the ſame Rules and Orders, and have the ſame Powers, Privileges, and Advantages as other Regiments in this State by Law have, and are, and ſhall belong to the Fourth Brigade.

28th regiment named and limited.

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An Act in Addition to an Act, entitled, " An Act for providing and regulating Jurors in Civil Actions."

Jurors to be choſen.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That the Towns hereafter named, ſhall annually chooſe the Number of Jurymen, to the Name of each Town annexed, viz.

Number in each town.

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| Norwich, | Ten, | Kent, | Four, |
| Franklin, | Six | Warren, | Four, |
| Liſbon, | Four, | Farmington, | Eight, |
| Bozrah, | Four, | Berlin, | Six, |
| New-Haven, | Ten, | Briſtol, | Five, |
| Hamden, | Six, | Middletown, | Eighteen, |
| Eaſt-Haven, | Four, | Haddam, | Ten, |
| North-Haven, | Six, | Chatham, | Ten, |
| New-London, | Ten, | Eaſt-Haddam, | Twelve, |
| Montville, | Six, | Say-Brook, | Twelve, |
| Windham, | Ten, | Killingworth, | Ten. |
| Hampton, | Six, | | |

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